

I would feel it my duty to oppose this substitute. Senators Cannon and Brown, of Utah, declined to be quoted, but it is understood that they consider the measure inexpedient.

SOUND-MONEY DEMOCRATS UNDECIDED.

There is some doubt as to the attitude of the anti-silver Democrats of the Senate on the substitute of the Finance Committee for the Tariff bill. Several have said that they thought it would be a good way to defeat the Tariff bill, but whether they will carry out their plan to the extent of voting for free coinage remains to be seen. Some of the anti-silver Democrats are distinctly opposed to any such plan, and will do all they can to prevent the free-coinage substitute from passing. Senator Vilas said that he would do all he could, and that the bill was bound to defeat if the Tariff bill, which he regarded as an vicious piece of legislation. Senator Smith of New Jersey, said that he thought the Tariff bill was worse than anything ever attempted in a horizontal way by Morrison, and that every means possible ought to be taken to defeat it. Senators Faulkner and Palmer said that the anti-silver Democrats were enjoying the dilemma of the Republicans, and there has been considerable opposition of individual members to vote for the free-coinage substitute in order to defeat the Tariff bill, and that plan was quite probable. Senators Gorman and Hill said they did not know what would be the course of the anti-silver Democrats, but Mr. Gorman did not look with much favor on the proposition to vote for the free-coinage substitute, and said that the Democrats would probably weigh the matter with a great deal of care before taking any action.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE ASTONISHED.

The majority of the members on both sides of the House seemed to be completely dazed at first by the action of the politically picked majority of the Finance Committee.

It was entirely unexpected, but the son received, for they have been accustomed to the sudden vagaries and wild se-entertaining which have frequently marked the proceedings of the "deliberative branch" of the National Legislature since the beginning of the LIII Congress. Most of the Republican representatives who favor free coinage sharply criticised the action of the majority of the Senate, and said that the majority had few supporters in a few charitably admitted that it was "only another dress parade demonstration." The fact is, that at least nineteen-twentieths of the Republican members of the House of Representatives, if not even a greater proportion, clearly see and fully realize that the greatest need of the country at this time is to increase its national revenue to meet its expenses as well as arrears which have been steadily piling up during the last two years or more, and to prevent the monthly recurrence of a deficit. This fact is also frankly admitted by a considerable number of Democratic members, and they, as well as the Republicans, felt thoroughly disgusted when they learned of the Finance Committee's performance to-day.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL.

THE FREE-COINAGE SUBSTITUTE REPORTED—DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATION BILLS DISCUSSED.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Journal to be read to-day, covering the doings of the Senate on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, which by the parliamentary device of recesses, instead of adjournments, constituted one legislative day, was so long that its reading was interrupted by a motion to dispense with the reading, which was agreed to.

Mr. Merrill (Rep., Vt.), chairman of the Finance Committee, reported back from that committee the House bill "to temporarily increase revenue to meet the expenses of the Government and provide against a deficiency," with an amendment to strike out all after the enacting clause, and to insert in lieu thereof the free-coining substitute adopted by the Senate last Saturday. He added, however, that he felt like using the words closing the proclamations of the Governor of Massachusetts, "God save the Commonwealth." Also that it was unnecessary for him to say that he did not favor the action of the Finance Committee, but that he would endeavor to bring it up to-morrow unless it should interfere with an appropriation bill.

The substitute having been read at the request of Mr. Quay (Rep., Penn.), Mr. Quay moved to recommit the report to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report back the original House bill and the amendment as separate propositions.

"I second the motion," said Mr. Mitchell (Rep., Ore.).

Mr. Hill (Dem., N. Y.) suggested that the motion was not in order during the morning hour.

"Do I understand the Senator from New-York to object to the motion?" Mr. Quay asked.

"I suggest the parliamentary inquiry," Mr. Hill returned, "as to whether it is in order."

The Vice-President.—The Chair sustains the point of order of the Senator from New-York.

"I want to know," Mr. Quay persisted, "if the Senator from New-York made the point."

"The point has been already made, and sustained by the Chair," said Mr. Hill, "and I decline to discuss it further."

"Then I ask unanimous consent for my motion," said Mr. Quay. "My request is to be explained, to recommit the report to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report back the original bill, and the amendment as separate propositions."

"To which," said Mr. Hill, "I object."

BILLS REPORTED.

Among the numerous bills reported and placed on the calendar were the following:

Granting a pension of \$99 a month to the widow of General Thomas Ewing; also a pension of \$20 a month to the widow of the late Walter Q. Gresham.

The Military Academy Appropriation bill, which Mr. Teller (Rep., Col.) said he would call up to-morrow.

The General Pension Appropriation, which Mr. Allison (Rep., Iowa) said he would call up at an early date.

The bill to prevent the desecration of the National flag. In reporting this bill with an amendment from the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Hoar (Rep., Mass.) said that, while he had voted in committee for the report, the more he thought of it the more difficulties and objections there seemed to be in the way of any legislation on the subject. It was a difficult thing to deal with, and he questioned whether it was not better to leave it to the local law and local sense of private citizens.

Mr. Moore (Dem., Ind.) introduced a joint resolution to amend the Constitution so as to have United States Senators elected by direct vote of the people of the State, and said that he would introduce the same in the Senate on next Thursday.

Mr. Quay (Rep., Penn.) offered a resolution to recommit the House Tariff bill with an alternative substitute to the Finance Committee with instructions to report them as separate propositions, and asked for its immediate consideration.

Objection came again from Mr. Hill, and the resolution was withdrawn.

The resolution heretofore offered by Mr. Kyle (Pop., S. D.) for an investigation of charges against the mail bags section of the Postoffice Department was laid on the table of the Senate, and discussed until 2 o'clock when it went to the calendar.

Mr. Hale (Rep., Me.) moved to proceed to the consideration of the Urgent Deficiency bill.

DISTRIBUTION OF APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Mr. Calhoun (Dem., Fla.) asked to have the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations made the special order, while Mr. Dubois (Rep., Idaho) desired to have his resolution for the distribution of appropriation bills among the several committees taken up.

Mr. Hale's motion to take up the Urgent Deficiency bill was voted on by yeas and nays, and seemed to be made a test question, the friends of silver voting against it almost solidly. It was defeated—yeas, 48; nays, 24.

Mr. Hale then moved to proceed to the consideration of his resolution, so as to make it the unfinished business.

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